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Navy, Marine Corps Step Up Negro Officer Recruitment

Navy and Marine Corps have accelerated their recruiting programs to increase the number of Negro officers.

The immediate goal is to double the number of Negro officers "as rapidly as it is possible on a sound basis," according to Jack Moskowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower), Civil Rights and Industrial Relations. He estimates it will take two years.

Presently, there are 312 Negro officers in the Navy and 155 in the Marine Corps.

Navy officials have detached 32 Negro officers from regular duties to tour major cities throughout the country to promote the program. In addition, 274 Negro officers have received a memorandum from the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy asking them to assist locally in recruitment.

Marine Corps has appointed a Negro lieutenant colonel to serve as overall advisor for Negro procurement activities, and established a committee to research and analyze Negro officer procurement.

Navy's program, as outlined by Mr. Moskowitz, also includes establishing a Naval ROTC at a predominantly Negro college by the beginning of the 1968 school year, urging graduates of predominantly Negro colleges to seek commissions and encouraging Negroes at some 300 major colleges and universities to enroll in Naval ROTC.

AF Announces New Policy On 'Excused Flying Status'

New Air Force policy announced in October accelerates the "45/22 program" which excuses from proficiency flying certain veteran fliers who are in ground jobs.

In the "45/22 program," rated officers in staff or administrative jobs are excused from flying to earn their monthly flight pay when they become 45 years old and complete 22 years of rated service. This is done to save operational and maintenance money.

Under the new policy, officers will be placed immediately into "excused flying status" when they are assigned to a ground tour of duty during which they will become eligible for "45/22 program" provisions.

Also affected are officers who will be within two years of mandatory separation or retirement at some point in their tour.

ON-THE-SPOT BRIEFING—VAdm. John J. Hyland (2nd from right), Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, is briefed on the CH-53A Sea Stallions of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 by Col. Edwin O. Reed (left), Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 at the Marble Mountain Air Facility in Vietnam. Lt. Col. O. V. Gallentine, MAG-16 Executive Officer, and Maj. Gen. Norman J. Anderson (right), CG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, also attended the briefing.

Flight Tests of Sprint ABM Missile Completed at White Sands Range

Sprint ABM missile has been successfully flight tested at White Sands Missile Range, N. Mex., undergoing the most strenuous trials yet imposed.

Testing was mission-oriented and involved maneuvers to check the missile's ability to withstand high temperatures caused by friction heat.

Sprint is the short-range half of the ABM system and is designed to intercept ICBM's and other ballistic missiles after they have re-entered the atmosphere.

The other half of the ABM team, Spartan, also under development, is designed to range beyond point-to-point defense to intercept incoming ICBM's in space before they reach the target area.

The Sprint launch also tested a unique firing technique, that of gas charge ejection from a launch cell and first stage ignition in the air to hold down buffeting in the cell caused by exhaust gases.

Sprint is powered by two solid fuel rocket engines. Some 27 feet long, it is guided in flight by radar.

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USS ENTERPRISE, NAVY'S nuclear powered attack aircraft carrier, has received Navy Unit Commendation for contributions to Vietnam War effort during 132 days "on the line" in Gulf of Tonkin. During period, Enterprise launched 11,444 combat sorties, during which 14,000 tons of explosives were expended against enemy targets.

ARMY'S 7TH PSYCHOLOGICAL Operations Group has received Meritorious Unit Commendation for service in support of military operations in RVN from Oct. 1965-March 1967. Citation noted unit had dropped more than 1.5 million leaflets in support of military operations, area pacification, and the Chieu Hoi amnesty program.

MORE THAN $67 million has been deposited by Air Force personnel in the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit Program during the first year of its operation, according to the Air Force Comptroller. In that time 3,475 accounts amounted to $6.8 million.

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION has been awarded to the 3rd Marine Div, Reinforced, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in five northern provinces of Vietnam. Citation was presented by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey in Vietnam.

HUMAN ENGINEERING STUDY of tasks performed by aircraft commander and pilot of variable-sweep-wing F-111A has been completed by Human Factors Biomedical Div., Air Proving Ground Center, Eglin AFB, Fla. Study provides indication of functional and time relationship of tasks which must be completed while aircraft is making low-level, high-speed penetration. Study provides theoretical program of how a particular mission should be flown.

MORE THAN 20,000 Vietnamese patients have been treated by the Medical Civic Action Program team of the 9th Division's 3rd Bn, 39th Inf, according to 1st Lt. Jordan H. May, battalion civil affairs officer.

NAVY'S DEEP SUBMERGENCE Systems Project is requesting proposal for development of a high energy fuel cell power systems to furnish electrical power for the propulsion and auxiliary loads of Navy's Deep Submergence search vehicle now under design. The vehicle will be capable of operating at depths of 20,000 feet.

AIR FORCE LOGISTICS Command inaugurated jet service on LOGAIR, its contract airlift service, Nov. 1. Overseas National Airways, one of three contract carriers on LOGAIR system, put DC-9-30 medium range jet into service, flying circle route originating in Miami, with stops at Robins AFB, Ga.; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Tinker AFB, Okla., and Kelly AFB, Texas. LOGAIR links AF supply sources, stocking points and primary U.S. air bases into one of world's largest air freight systems.

RED RIVER ARMY Depot at Texarkana, Tex., is said to be the first Army organization to earn a Treasury Department Minuteman Flag with 11 service stars. It qualified by exceeding 90 percent participation in the Savings Bond payroll savings plan for 132 consecutive months.

U.S. ARMY COMBAT Developments Command Liaison Officers Conference was held at Ft. Belvoir, Va., Oct. 24-26. Conference topics ranged from stability operations to general nuclear war.

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL, Monterey, Calif., hosted conference on weather prediction of American Meteorology Society, Oct. 31-Nov. 3. More than 200 AMS members attended.

AIR UNIVERSITY'S AFROTC program included 6,710 cadets attending field training during the summer. Nine major commands and 20 Air Force bases were hosts to 5,360 cadets at four-week field-training sessions.

ARMY WEAPONS COMMAND held third annual Research and Development Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry Oct. 26, at Deere & Co. Administrative Center, Moline, Ill. Long-range Army R & D plans were told to some 400 industrial executives from across the nation at briefing.

AIR FORCE'S MIG kill total has reached 69 with downing of MIG-21 over Phuc Yen airfield Oct. 24 by Maj. William L. Kirk and 1st Lt. Theodore R. Bongartz, an F-4 Phantom crew from 8th Tactical Fighter Wing.

CAPTAIN JACK T. BISHOFF, SC, USN, has been named Deputy Commander, Headquarters, Eastern Area, Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service. He replaces Col. Ronald D. Bagley, USAF, who has been reassigned to Vietnam.

AN ARMY ANALYSIS has been completed on aviator career development which indicates that opportunities for such men will be increased soon. Some ground duty is said to be of major concern to aviators who have not had an opportunity at troop command since entering the aviation program.

"FAST FIX" CEMENT that cures in 30 minutes to the strength of 28-day-old concrete, is being tested at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. In addition to possibly having many commercial advantages, tests included quick patches of bombed out runways.

DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, West Coast Branch, Presidio of Monterey, Calif., observed 26th anniversary Nov. 1. Institute offers instruction in 31 languages and dialects and graduates more than 5,000 personnel each year.

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Background for Commanders

THE U.S. VIEWPOINT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Recent recurrence of fighting between Israel and the United Arab Republic in the Suez Canal area and in the Mediterranean has once again focused world attention on the Middle East. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. Representative to the United Nations, recently stated the U.S. viewpoint on this troubled area before the U.N. General Assembly.

I turn now to the Middle East, an area of conflict which is both tragic in itself and dangerous to the peace of the world.

The views of the United States on the requirements of peace in the Middle East have been set forth by President Johnson, notably in his statement of June 19, which remains our policy. In that statement my Government appealed to all the parties to adopt no rigid view on the method of bringing peace to the area. Rather we have emphasized throughout that there is something more basic than methods: the simple will to peace. **There must be present on both sides an affirmative will to resolve the issues not through the dictation of terms by either side but through a process of mutual accommodation in which nobody's vital interests are injured.** In short, both sides must have the will to work out a political solution; both must be committed to the peace; and no appropriate method, such as good offices or mediation, should be excluded.

Surely the purposes of peace cannot be served if the right of a member state to its national life is not accepted and respected by its neighbors nor if military success blinds a member state to the fact that its neighbors have rights and interests of their own.

In realism, it is perhaps not to be expected that reconciliation and magnanimity will appear overnight; but surely enmity must at least give way to tolerance and to the will to live together in peace. Once that will is manifest, the terms of settlement can be evolved.

Principles for Peace

The principles which my Government believes can bring peace to the region are these:

- Each nation in the area must accept the right of others to live. The least that this requires is that all should renounce any state or claim of belligerency, which as long ago as 1951 was found by the Security Council to be inconsistent with peace.
- Troops must be withdrawn — and withdrawn in a context of peace. For some parties cannot be left free to assert the rights of war while others are called upon to abide by the rules of peace.
- There must be justice for the refugees. The nations of the area must address themselves at last, with new energy and new determination to succeed, to the plight of those who have been rendered homeless or displaced by wars and conflicts of the past, both distant and recent.
- Free and innocent passage through international waterways must be assured for all nations. One of the lessons of the recent conflict is that maritime rights must be respected.
- The wasteful and destructive arms race in the region must be curbed, thereby making more resources available for economic development.
- The status of Jerusalem must not be decided unilaterally but in consultation with all concerned and in recognition of the historic interest of three great religions in the holy places.
- The political independence and territorial integrity of all states in the area must be respected.
- Boundaries must be accepted and other arrangements made, superseding temporary and often-violated armistice lines, so as to afford security to all parties against terror, destruction, and war.

All Nations Must Help

These are important general principles on which, we believe, rests the peace of the area. While the main responsibility lies with the parties, the United Nations and every member state, including my own country, must help in the search for peace. For it is in the highest international interest, as well as in the national interests of the parties, that peace should be achieved as soon as possible.

As for my own country, our most cherished wish for the Middle East has long been an age of peace in which we could enjoy good relations with every nation of that region. In such a climate of peace there is much that we could do, and would be glad to do, in cooperation with other members and with the gifted people of the region itself. Regional economic development; the full rehabilitation of the refugees; the desalting of water and the restoration of the desert to human use—these, and not war or armaments, are the works to which my country, and I am sure many both in and outside the Middle East, would prefer to devote our energies.

In serving the cause of a just and peaceful world, we are not permitted the luxury of being easily discouraged. Indeed, the most forbidding obstacles are precisely those which should call forth our most persistent efforts. Nor should we look for any alternative to the United Nations, for there is none. Year in and year out, through all the difficulties that may arise, we must strive to be true, both in word and deed, to the permanent pledge of peace and justice which we, as members, have made to the United Nations and to one another.

Dental Care Experiment Scheduled on Battleship

The initial crew of battleship USS New Jersey will take part in a year-long experiment to validate public health figures on dental care.

Health figures indicate that once a person has been "placed in a state of optimum oral health" he needs three hours of dental care a year to stay that way.

During their first year aboard ship, the crewmen will be examined and treated to see if this is correct.

Prior to boarding New Jersey, the men will report to dental clinics for treatment that will bring them up to Dental Class 1—no cavities, all missing teeth replaced and all gum disorders cured.

Dentists will fill out special forms for each man indicating how long it took to do the dental work. Bureau of Medicine will keep the forms for a year to see how much additional work it took to keep the men in Dental Class 1.

Dental work aboard the ship will be done by two dental officers and four dental technicians.

Tri-Service ROTC Conference Scheduled at Nat. War College

A tri-service ROTC conference has been requested by Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Alfred B. Fitt to discuss and exchange views on current plans and operations.

The conference will be held Nov. 15-17 at the National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

Participants will be professors of aerospace studies, military science and naval science, and representatives of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and military departments.

Among the top civilian and military speakers will be Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt, USMC.

The conference will include a general session and seminar discussions. The participants will be seeking ways and means for improving the ROTC program.

BE PREPARED — Air Force Maj. Joseph A. Neely thinks this equipment might be appropriate the next time he takes R & R leave. While returning to Bien Hoa air base from R & R, he stopped at an Army base camp. Minutes later the camp was attacked by the Viet Cong. In the fight that followed, Maj. Neely was credited with killing four VC with six shots from a borrowed M-16. He is chief of combat operations at Bien Hoa and an F-100 Supersabre pilot.

Commander Assesses Benefits Of STRATCOM Hq. Transfer

Movement of the headquarters of Army Strategic Communications Command to Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., from Washington has been "immediately beneficial," says Maj. Gen. Richard J. Meyer, CG of STRATCOM.

Meyer told communicators who manage a world-wide system around the globe, "We are operating in a much more satisfactory manner in our new home."

The men he addressed had traveled from Vietnam, Germany, Alaska, Panama and Hawaii to confer at Ft. Huachuca during the fourth annual commanders conference of STRATCOM.

Plans were announced for an expanded communications program in the area from Hawaii to Southeast Asia.

Army Institutes Program To Combat Increase Of Malaria in RVN Vets

Army has advised commanders to insure that personnel records of all Vietnam returnees be reviewed soon after arrival at new duty station to make certain the returnee has signed a "Malaria Debriefing" statement, MACV Form 270.

Office of The Surgeon General, U.S. Army said the number of malaria cases occurring in Vietnam returnees has increased to more than 1,300 during the first half of calendar year 1967.

Army Circular 40-41 offers the following advice to reduce this preventable manpower loss:

- Returnees should be interviewed as soon as possible by medical personnel to determine if the required course of eight consecutive weekly doses of chemoprophylactic drugs was completed.
- Individuals who did not receive chemoprophylactic tablets or who failed to take them as required should be given sufficient tablets for a complete eight-week course of chloroquine-primaquine prophylaxis. In addition, they should receive 28 days of Dapsone if they were taking Dapsone in Vietnam.

AF's 99th Bomb Wing Deployed to West Pacific

Units of the 99th Bomb Wing, Westover AFB, Mass., have moved to the Western Pacific. Their KC-135 Stratotankers were deployed with them to continue refueling operations with B-52 and fighter aircraft being used in Southeast Asia.

The B-52s, with 2,400 aircrew and support personnel, have become the main force of the 4133rd Bomb Wing (Provisional) which is responsible for carrying out B-52 raids over Vietnam.

Deployment of the 99th is part of SAC's rotation of bomb wings into the Western Pacific. The wing will return to Westover after completion of the temporary tour of duty.

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